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Title of Invention : PORTABLE WIRELESS DATA TERMINAL HAVING AN EVENT-DRIVEN TOUCH-SCREEN ENABLED GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE AND OPERABLY COUPLED TO A COMPUTER AND DATABASE VIA A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, please amend the same as follows:

AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 1, before "BACKGROUND OF INVENTION" please insert the following paragraph:

--RELATED CASES

This Application is a Continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/241,214 filed February 1, 1999; which is a Continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/196,452 filed February 14, 1994, now U.S. Letters Patent 5,867,688. Each said patent application is assigned to and commonly owned by Metrologic Instruments, Inc. of Blackwood, New Jersey, and is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

and, after "Field of the Invention" please amend the first, second and third paragraphs as follows:

The present invention relates in general to [the] a system for data acquisition and retrieval through the use of [an] a user interface remotely located from the control system.

Description of the Related Art

Today, most commercial businesses require field employees, such as at points of sale, to fill out paper forms with data sets concerning individual customers or products sold/manufactured. These reports are then collected, compiled and assimilated at a central location and filed for future access. Most modern businesses require this information to be continuously updated and that the field personnel be afforded quick access thereto in order to reduce business costs, improve efficiency, increase accuracy, and the like. Heretofore, data sets concerning matters, such as customer or product information, [is] have been primarily [achieved] compiled through paper forms completed by field personnel and later possibly entered into some form of central database.

In the healthcare field, hospitals utilize a significant amount of data retrieval and acquisition, with respect to patient information. All data sets containing patient information (data field) such as patient name (a data set header), date of birth, place of business, address, phone numbers, language, billing account number, social security number, drivers license number, and the like were written on paper forms and maintained in a paper file, and optionally entered by the hospital staff into a common database. Thereafter, the patient information was supplemented with information pertaining to their health condition, such as vital signs, fluid

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